



CITY SNIPPETS

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FAIR HOUSING MONTH

April is Fair Housing Month, and the City of Hickory is committed to affirmatively furthering Fair Housing in the community. The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, or handicap. For more information about the Fair Housing Act, visit www.oah.nc.gov/civil-rights-division/housing-discrimination/fair-housing or contact the NC Human Relations Commission at 1-866-324-7474.



The City of Hickory offers housing rehabilitation programs that aim to improve the quality of the local housing stock and make improvements that prevent the displacement of low to moderate income homeowners. The following programs are only available to homeowners that live inside the Hickory city limits:

Housing Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program

This program provides loans of up to \$25,000 to homeowners whose household income does not exceed 80 percent of the area median income, which is currently \$47,600* for a family of four. Funds can be used to bring housing units up to the City's minimum housing code and for accessibility improvements necessary for disabled residents. Examples of eligible repairs include heat system replacement, window

replacement, plumbing repairs, repairs of electrical wiring, and roof repairs. No monthly payments are required on the loan, as long as the house is maintained as the principal residence of the borrower. In addition, half of the loan balance is forgiven if the borrower maintains the home as a primary residence for at least five years.

Urgent Repair Program

This program provides forgivable loans to homeowners of up to \$10,000 to households with special needs whose income does not exceed 50 percent of the statewide median income, which is currently \$35,000* for a family of four. These funds may be used for urgent repairs or accessibility improvements that are required to avert the displacement of the homeowner.

For more information about the City of Hickory's Housing Rehabilitation Programs and to confirm current program requirements, please contact the Community Development Division at 828-323-7414.

ATTENTION HICKORY RESIDENTS

NEED HELP WITH HOME REPAIRS?



HOUSING REHABILITATION
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE
CALL 828-323-7414

ADDRESS

76 North Center Street

WEBSITE

HickoryNC.gov

PHONE

828.323.7400

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HICKORY CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 4 & 18
7 p.m.

Julian G. Whitener
Municipal Building (City Hall)
www.HickoryNC.gov



COVID-19 UPDATES

For Hickory operational changes and updates regarding the pandemic:
<https://www.hickorync.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates>

DOWNTOWN HICKORY FARMERS MARKET

Wed: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sat: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Sails on the Square
www.HickoryFarmersMarket.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday, May 1
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Hickory American Legion
Fairgrounds

SKELETON CREW

May 13 - 23
Hickory Community Theatre
www.HickoryTheatre.org

AUTOLAWN

Saturday, May 15
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
SALT Block Lawn
www.HickoryArt.org

COMEBACK CONCERT

Saturday, May 15
7:30 p.m.
P.E. Monroe Auditorium at LRU
Western Piedmont Symphony
www.WPSymphony.org

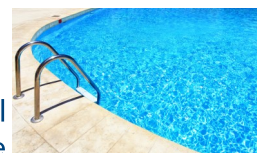
SWINGING UNDER THE STARS

Sunday, May 30
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
The Sails on the Square
Hickory Music Factory
www.HickoryMusicFactory.com

For more events, check
www.HickoryEventsCalendar.com

SWIMMING POOL & LAWN SPRINKLER INFORMATION

This spring, please keep these instructions in mind when filling up your swimming pool or turning on your sprinkler system.



POOL FILL ADJUSTMENTS

Remember to call at least one business day BEFORE you fill your swimming pool from the ground up so you may receive an adjustment on the sewer charge on your water bill. Our staff MUST read your water meter before and after the pool is filled to ensure an accurate volume. Please call Collections at 828-323-7424 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



LAWN SPRINKLER METERS

The City of Hickory must be contacted to activate irrigation meters to avoid the potential for tampering charges being added for meters that are found with consumption that were turned on by an unauthorized person. To activate a lawn sprinkler meter, call Collections at 828-323-7424 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Also, remember to call Collections at the end of the season to inactivate the service and discontinue monthly base charges.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION TIPS

The City of Hickory operates a full-service Sanitation Division for all waste generators within the city limits. This division manages routine garbage pickup and recycling, in addition to several other waste removal services.

To ensure the best residential collection service possible and to avoid unnecessary delays and possible fees, remember to follow these helpful tips and the posted guidance available at <https://www.hickorync.gov/sanitation>.

- Please follow the set procedures for putting any items and debris to the curb for pickup to avoid any issues or possibly additional fees.
- If proper procedures are not followed, you could delay service to your address and face additional fees for placing items to the curb improperly.
 - * This includes your rollouts, junk, and yard waste.
- Do not put items to the curb, including rollouts, until the evening before your pickup date.
- Rollouts must be removed from the curb the same day as your collection day.
- Large volumes, heavy items, and improperly placed items at the curb may face additional fees for special pickup.

If you have questions about what can and cannot be placed to curb for collection, or when fees may apply, please contact the Public Services Department at 828-323-7500 and provide full details for your specific situation.

